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MISSIONARY NEWS

By Mrs. Muriel Jordan

The ninety-seventh annual state convention of the Churches of Christ in Oregon, which closed June 29 at Turner, Oregon, was one of the most inspirational and educational conferences ever held in the state. Speaking particularly about the women's program, comments were full of praise for the well planned, well rounded schedule, with special appreciation going to Miss Edith Eberle, head of the sales literature department of U. C. M. S., Indianapolis, Indiana, who taught the first hour class each morning of the week. Her clear, kindly, and at times humorous account of the beginning of organized work in our brotherhood, bringing it down to the present time and challenging us to a noble future, was well received. The interesting manner of presenting study materials and resource books for the new mission study theme, "World Evangelism," was filed with basic information and ideas for making programs that will have a broad appeal.

The Vesper Service

Much favorable comment was heard of the outsanding Vesper Service held in the Turner Church at 5 o'clock, Thursday afternoon. Miss Oma Lou Myers and Mrs. A. J. Stanley, of Portland, planned the program using musical talent from the Mallory Avenue church, with G. Gerald Sias, National Director of the Crusade for a Christian World, as guest speaker on the topic, "Were you there?" The $85 offering was designated to the Crusade movement from the women of Oregon.

Woman's Day

On Thursday, woman's day at the convention, new officers of the State Board of Women's Missionary Organizations—Education were elected and installed. Mrs. Kendall Burke, of Eugene, assumed the presidency, succeeding Mrs. Leslie Carson, of Forest Grove; Mrs. J. W. Jordan, executive secretary; Mrs. C. L. Mossberger, Treasurer; Mrs. H. C. Olds, Recorder; Mrs. R. E. Moshier, Children's Superintendent; Mrs. Elsie Dave, Young People's Superintendent; Mrs. A. J. Stanley, Spiritual Life Chairman; Mrs. C. C. Smith, District 1 secretary; Mrs. A. C. Bates, District 2 secretary; Mrs. Arnold Goff, District 3 secretary; Mrs. A. C. Lint, District 4 secretary; Mrs. Catherine Saunders, District 5 secretary; Mrs. Adria Blakeley, District 6 secretary; Mrs. Russell Myers, District 7 secretary; Mrs. J. R. Howard, past state president acted as installing officer with an impressive ceremony.

Visitors

Our sincere thanks and appreciation are extended to Gerald Sias, of Indianapolis, who spoke several times during the week to the women's class; to Elmer G. Boyer, missionary on furlough from the Belgian Congo; and to Dr. O. L. Shelton, head of the department of Religious Education at Butler University, who was guest speaker for the entire convention and

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Christian Education Workshop

Very prominent in the Christian Education program for the coming year will be a Workshop at the Salem First Church, October 22-24, 1947. This will be under the leadership of the State Educational Committee. This is not a leadership training school as that is commonly thought of; but it will be leadership traning in the highest sense. Specifically it is to be a practical demonstration of doing the thing that is proposed. We are hoping to have at least two national leaders as well as some of our most competent state leaders. It will be a presentation of both content and method.

We are asking superintendents, teachers, and other Christian leaders to participate in it. There will be a registration fee of $1 to help pay the expense of the Educational Committee. Bed and breakfast will be given by the Salem churches, and other meals may be had very reasonably. If you can come write Dudley Strain, Center and High Sts., Salem, to that effect. Further information will be sent early in the fall.

Books Display

One of the prominent features of the state convention was the book exhibits by the Christian Board of Publication and the Standard Publishing Co. The former was under the direction of W. B. Clemmer and the latter of C. H. Richards. Brother Clemmer has been coming to Oregon conventions for 27 years. He will doubtless retire with this convention. Brother Richards is an Oregon boy, so it is home to him. We welcome these men and their displays.

JUNCTION CITY—This church has had the good fortune to secure Chaplain Gosser for pastor following September when David Stewart returns to Philips University to complete his course.

CAR DEDICATED BY 99 MEN

By Ed P. Dewees

Despite attendance below the goals set by the program committee a large number of men did participate in Saturday and Sunday sessions of the Turner convention. Most came early enough to enjoy the special treats of the Saturday afternoon program, beginning with the singing of "The Ninety and Nine" by D. L. Penhollow. B. Ross Evans' address on "A vision of State Missions" appropriately followed. Elmer Boyer presented the challenge of evangelsim in the Belgian Congo and Don Byers the opportunities for reaching boys in the Boys' Camps.

The men's prayer-meeting after the close of the general session of the convention proved to be a rich spiritual inspiration to those who filled the outdoor chapel in the trees west of the Centennial Lodge. Don Farr, of Coquille, very ably led the meeting with the N. C. C. male quartet providing devotional numbers.

At 5:15 some 240 men filed into the dining hall just in time to dodge the few drops of rain falling from dark clouds which briefly threatened duplication of the "unusual showers" of the day before. From that time until the close of the banquet hour there were no dull moments as program committee chairman Ezra Blehm marshalled his entertainment and stories. Walter Naff led some rousing choruses, the Tan-Ditters released the "hornets," and the N. C. C. quartet sought the "lost chord," but Ezra stole his own show with his inimitable story telling.

Immediately following the banquet came the "extra special event" of the day. A Chevrolet sedan in A-1 condition was rolled into place between the dining hall and the tabernacle and a brief service of dedication held for this car donated to the Ninety and Nine by I. J. (Ike) Bartel, state Boys' Work Chairman, to be used by the field secretary in his work. Glen Vernon, a state pastor-adviser, gave a short dedicatory message, and Jack Triplett, treasurer of the Southern District, the dedicatory prayer.

The concluding portion of the men's session was held in the tabernacle with President Hugh Olds taking over the business meeting. The invitation of the Albany church to entertain the Ninety and Nine convention on October 13 was accepted. A proposal to join the State Board in the support of Elery Parrish in the work of organizing new churches was adopted. A resolution of thanks to Ike Bartel for the donation of the car was adopted and the president instructed to send him a letter. A recommendation of the Executive Committee concerning arrangements for legal ownership of the car was accepted. The special Turner offering toward the state budget was received, amounting to $487.03.

With the business completed the N. C. C. quartet (Northwest Crusaders) sang a sacred number and Howard Hutchens was introduced as guest speaker. He called for a rekindling of the fires of evangelism, citing examples of the few churches of Christ in many states, and challenged Christian men to a greater witness for the Master. Since it was time for the

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THE CONVENTION

The 97th convention of Oregon Disciples is history. It was good from every standpoint. The registration reached up to 1,881. This is not as large as last year; but last year was our centennial. It was not as large as a couple times before in history. But it was a sizeable number. There is no doubt but that more than enough did not register to bring the correct number above 2,000.

Dr. O. L. Shelton delighted his audiences. We have had speakers who were more dynamic in delivery, or who made their audiences laugh more; but the messages were all on a high plain of thoughtfulness and interest. We were not in the least disappointed.

Local men who spoke gave a good account of themselves. Frequently we heard the remark that we did not need to go to a national convention for great messages; nor did we need to import a man for great messages; we have them right at home. It is true that Oregon has produced many great preachers.

This convention set another record—there was little conscience on the part of some speakers about running over time. The worst offenders in this respect were some of our visitors. Usually an Oregon convention runs on schedule; but in this one the terminal facilities were poor. One speaker commenced 10 minutes late; he made that up and then run 25 minutes more over time, making the session close 35 minutes after the scheduled time. We have the feeling that

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NORTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN HOME

Mrs. Laura K. Hill, Supt.

Several guests of Northwestern Christian Home enjoyed a day of the Oregon state convention in Turner. Mrs. Hill went two days and took all who were able to make the trip except Mrs. Wray who attended with friends whom she was visiting.

Field representative Walter L. Myers attended the state conventions in Montana, Oregon and Washington in the interest of the Home.

During the first week of July the Home enjoyed the annual visit of Brother Eric J. Carlson, General Secretary of the National Benevolent Association. His visit is the occasion of the yearly dinner meeting of the Board of supervisors.

Mrs. Wirt, who is cooking for the Home, returned July 1 from an extensive vacation trip visiting relatives in California and the middle west.

One of the groups in the Women's Council sent money to provide chicken and ice cream for the Fourth of July in Northwestern Christian Home.

Summary at the end of June shows that cash contributions for maintenance received at Northwestern Christian Home during the year ending June 30, 1947, totalled $529.77 more than those of the preceding year.

An abundance of several varieties of berries is being enjoyed by the Family for Northwestern Christian Home and some are being preserved in frozen food lockers.

Our carry-over of canned foods from last year includes a supply of canned beans and canned prunes. We need other fruits and vegetables either canned or fresh, especially peaches and apricots. Those who can fill jars for the Home will be provided with empty jars upon request indicating how many can be filled.

One of the Homes of the National Benevolent Association is Southern Christain Home for Children, in Atlanta, Georgia. Miss Sue Steiner Hook, who has been superintendent there for many years is retiring this year. A silver tea was given in her

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Is Christianity True?

Sometimes people are inclined to think that Christianity has not proven a success. Its backsets have been enormous at times. But we must not forget that each backset has recovered itself and a gain beyond that has been made. The best evidence of the enduring character of Christianity is in the fact that it has never lost its power upon the human heart to tell the story. Even during the dark ages the missionary passion survived. A lull in that passion is no more a reflection upon Christianity than the ebbing of the tide reflects upon the ocean.

Missionary Results

If one is inclined to say that missions is not productive he has only to look at actual results. During the last 26 years the church membership on mission fields has increased 344%; baptisms have totalled 131,247 for the period; 635 native churches have become self supporting; trained personnel has increased 1715; outstations have increased 835%; students in schools have averaged 15,261 per year; a total of 11,719,551 medical treatments have been given; the receipts from the fields have totalled $7,876,551. Who says missions is not productive? (Digested from World Call.)

PORTLAND FIRST—Myron C. Cole, pastor, is spending some of the summer weeks at Yale University. The assistant pastor, Clay Pomeroy, is carrying on.

OAKRIDGE—Eight baptisms during June, one from Methodist and one from the Roman Catholics. Chaplain Frank Gosser spoke on June 29 on the need of missions in the orient. Laurence Bixler, pastor.

THE CONVENTION

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a man's time on program is his property just as much as his pocket book; and one cannot trespass upon it without being blameable for doing so.

The weather was rainy. Some people left the grounds before the week was out because of it. However, the closing Sunday was good and the tabernacle was filled with an eager throng. Perhaps the most delightful session of all was on Sunday morning when 30 young people passed the communion service after a splendid message by Myron Cole.

CHURCH LIFE INSTITUTE

The Church Life Institute for the Portland area will be held again in Central Christian Church, 27th Avenue and Hawthorne Blvd., November 3-7, 1947. The theme is, "Study to Show Thyself Approved unto God." G. Gerald Sias will be the guest speaker. Classes are arranged for as follows: "Training for Leaders of Youth," Mrs. Myron Cole; "How to Use the Bible," for youth, Howard C. Cole, and for adults by Meyer Tan-Ditter; "Visual education in the Church," Wilbur Hensley; "Personal Evangelism," James Earl Ladd; "Christian Family Life," Laurence Bixler; "History of the Church," Elery Parrish; "Worship," Mrs. Arthur Stanley; "Crusading for Victorious Living," Clifford Trout; "The New Testament Church Overcoming Social Barriers," Myron Cole; "Church Officers," W. C. Piper. A class for children's workers is planned for the afternoon.

Ninety and Nine

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regular evening session of the convention men were immediately summoned to the platform to take part in the special men's chorus under the leadership of Veltie Pruitt. After the convention song service several numbers were presented by the chorus, along with a greeting from Japan by Chaplain Frank Gosser. The messages by Russell Morse and Dr. O. L. Shelton provided a fitting close for a day of great inspiration.

262 Attend Bible Class

The annual men's Bible Class of the Turner convention met north of the tabernacle with Tom Beasley, president of Yamhill District, in charge. Attendance was 262 and the offering was $63.57. Frank Cunningham, minister of the church at Newberg, presented the lesson and ably summarized the major lessons developed during old Testament studies of the past quarter.

McKenzie Men Elect

The bi-monthly rally of the McKenzie district was held in the Fairmount church in Eugene on June 16. After the pot-luck supper Ward Rice led the song service with Emma Lou White accompanying. Hugh McCallum gave the invocation. In the absence of President Griffeth because of flu Vice-President Ezra Blehm presided over the meeting. A report was made by the nominating committee and the following officers were elected for 1947-48: President, Earl Chapman; Vice-presidents, Ezra Blehm and Morton Bristow; Secretary, Elmer Patterson; Treasurer Robin Stoneberg. Pleasant Hill was named as the host church for the August 18 rally at which time the new officers will be installed by State President Olds. Evangelist Arlo Bristow brought the inspirational message of the evening. A check for $93 was forwarded toward the budget.

Turner Host Church

The Turner church was the host for the Willamette District rally held on June 17 in order to clear the Turner Convention meeting the ensuing week. Attendance was over 125 and offerings and pledges turned in permitted district treasurer Holt to send in a check for $100 for the state work. Special music was provided by the Turner church and Bruce Caldwell, of Amity, was the guest speaker for the occasion. District President John

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Direct Support Mission News

By J. Frank Cunningham

It seems that more than the usual interest was shown in the Direct Support Missions display at the convention, particularly in the chart showing the giving to Direct Support work by the churches. The figures shown on the chart totalled more than $38,000 given by the churches reporting during the past year. If the figure shown for any church was incorrect the error should be attributed to a mistake in reporting, or in our inability to understand the figures sent in. We regret that more reports were not available. Our figures were taken, primarily, from the reports that had been sent to Brother Swander; and a great many churches had sent no report whatever. Doubtless those churches that failed to send in their reports gave several thousands of dollars. We trust that the record will be more complete another year.

The Morses

J. Russell Morse made a great contribution to the convention by his challenging story of the work done by his family and their co-workers in that far land where China, Burma and Tibet meet—a work that, in a score of years has grown from nothing to more than 6,000 Christians. Brother Morse spoke at Oregon City on the morning of June 29, and at Newberg in the evening. From Newberg he went on to Seattle, and from there back to California, stopping at Portland Central Church on the 3rd of July.

Brother and Sister Morse and their three boys, Eugene, Robert and LaVerne, have their summer completely filled with engagements in Christian Service Camps over the country. Late in the summer they plan to get together for a few weeks of rest. Present plans are that some of the family at least will be returning to their work among the Lisu people in a few months.

LaVerne Morse will be the missionary at the Wi-Ne-Ma Christian Service Camps: Intermediate Camp, July 13-19; Senior Camp, July 20-26.

Mrs. Cole

Mrs. Harold Cole, whose husband will be heading up the work of the Asaka mission in Japan, is in Turner at the present time. She visited the convention at Turner, spoke at the Yamhill Christian Rally at Amity on the Fourth of July, as well as in a number of churches. We understand that she is soon leaving to join her husband in Japan.

Grace Farnham

Miss Grace Farnham, who spent a good many years as a missionary in Japan before, and who has been working with the Japanese Americans in California more recently, was also a convention visitor.

Harlan Woodruff

The Newberg church recently voted to adopt Harlan Woodruff as its Living Link missionary. Mr. Woodruff was formerly minister at Willamina, Oregon, leaving there to become a chaplain in the U. S. army. Captain Woodruff and his wife, Emaline, are now in Japan. But it is their purpose as soon as he is released from service and the necessary financial arrangements can be completed to launch a pioneer missionary work on the island of Okinawa. Harlan recently spent a ten day furlough on Okinawa, learning what he could with regard to the cause of Christ there. While we have never had a work on the island it seems that there are some 650 professed Christians there. But there is no missionary there to lead them, and it seems probable that they will be receptive to the New Testament message. Harlan writes: "In every place I visited the natives entreated me to come to their town and teach them the Christian way."

Gilbert Cays

Mr. and Mrs. E. Gilbert Cays, widely known in Oregon, are doing a missionary type of evangelism in Canada, working to plant New Testament churches. In a news-letter, dated June 5, Gilbert writes: "Our appreciation for your assistance is greater than we can express in words. May we simply say, Thank you? Your prompt response has made it possible for us to get a good start in the southeastern section of Edmonton where 250 new homes are under construction at the present time."

Franklin Smith

Mrs. J. Franklin Smith writes that Franklin recently left Seattle to return to the work around Bristol Bay, Alaska. He flew a new Piper Super Cruiser Seaplane, completing the trip to Ekwak in three days. Mrs. Smith and the boys plan to go about the first of August. Their travel fund of $500 was yet to be secured when she wrote (June 16) and $1,000 yet to be paid on the seaplane.

The Mayfields

According to a recent report the Guy Mayfield family and Miss Betheen Grubaugh are sailing for Italy July 12 on the City of Athens, to open the Mediterranean Mission in southern Italy. We understand that all members of the Mediterranean Mission party now have living link support.

Rachel Carlton

Rachel Carlton, a graduate of San Jose Bible College, was scheduled to sail on June 24 to begin missionary work in Hawaii. She will be associated there with Misses Eleanor and Ruth Still, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sims, and Andrew Patton.

Hospital for Japan

Mr. and Mrs. George Dittemore, of Atchison, Kansas, have offered the first $1,000 toward the erection of a modest hospital in West China to be known as the Warren Dittemore Memorial Hospital in honor of their son who died on the mission field in West China last summer. Mrs. Maude B. Maxey (mother of Mrs. Warren Dittemore), 317 Grove Avenue, Cincinnati 15, Ohio, will receive funds for this hospital until such time as it can be erected.

Richard Elliott, who suffered a critical case of typhoid some time ago in Jamaica is now in the United States recuperating. He plans to return to Jamaica around the last of July. Doctors have advised Luke D. Elliott to seek medical treatment in the United States as soon as possible.

TILLAMOOK has called Aldis Webb to their pulpit. Aldis is an Oregon boy, and was ordained to the ministry in the old East Side Church in Portland. Until recently he has been employed by the Christian Standard. He got the urge to pastor a church and his wife made up his mind for him to come to Oregon to do it. He will assume his new work in August.

VERNONIA has called Ray Aplet, from Spokane, who has already located on the field. This is just a return home for Ray and we welcome him.

NORTHWEST CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

By Kenneth Johnston

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Christian unity, like world unity, will not be realized by isolationists. Those who earnestly desire and pray for Christian unity must be eager to keep open every avenue of contact with other avowed disciples of Christ so that there will be opportunity for progress toward unity.

The Crusade for a Christian World gives room for a large emphasis upon Christian unity. Certainly every congregation that claims to be interested in Christian unity should strive to maintain unity within congregations and thus become faithful examples of the plea. Every opportunity to deepen ties with other congregations which are likeminded should be used. And no opening to emphasize the areas of unity with those of other communities should ever be neglected.

Northwest Christian College will emphasize the various areas of interest in connection with Christian unity as opportunity offers. A conviction that unity can only be achieved in the spirit of Christ and in connection with His will must be emphasized both by teaching and by conduct. We shall endeavor to help our students realize that they belong to the kingdom which has no frontiers, which shall some day be so all pervasive that every knee shall bow to God our Father and every person confess Christ as Lord. We shall crusade for such a victory.—Ross J. Griffeth.

The Faculty Serve

Faculty members of Northwest Christian College are serving in many capacities during the summer vacation. Some of them are teaching in summer school, some will be in youth conferences and others are on the programs of our state conventions. It looks like a busy summer for the faculty.

Write Early for Housing

Those who plan to enroll for the school year 1947-48 should write in early in regard to room reservations. Married students should make a personal visit to Eugene to look over the housing situation. The college staff will offer all posible help to those who desire housing accommodations.

Room for Dormitory

The First Christian Church of Dallas, Oregon, is taking a room in the new dormitory. The church took this action after first voting to give $1 per member each year to the general fund of the college for regular expenses. This makes two rooms from Dallas inasmuch as a member of the church gave a personal gift of $1,200 for a room.

Student News

By Marilyn Mowe

June 8 a piano recital of the pupils of Shirley Altg and Pauline McElravy was held.

June 5 piano pupils of Mrs. Jerry Benedict were presented in a recital.

June 5 Mrs. Ethel D. Bower, who received her B. M. degree this year, was presented in a piano recital.

June 5 Senior Chapel was held. Following the worship service, in which many in the class participated, the traditional "cutting the ivy" took place, conducted this year by Professor Ward Rice.

June 6 7 the drama "The Rock" was presented by members of the Drama Department, directed by Mrs. Naomi Osborn. It portrayed a portion of the life of Simon Peter, the rock.

Music vespers were held in the chapel at 3 p. m., Sunday, June 8. Following the vespers a reception for students, faculty, and guests was held in Rehm Hall.

Baccalaureate services were held in the Christian Church, Sunday evening, June 8. Holly Jarvis delivered the message.

The Chorus, under the direction of Maude S. Woodyard, presented its spring Oratorio concert, "Hora Novisima," June 8, in the Christian Church.

The girls' V. O. V. ("Truth Conquers All") luncheon was held June 10, in the Osburn Hotel, with Mrs. Orville F. Mick as guest speaker. The new officers for 1947-48 were presented to the group. They are as follows: Donella Anderson, president; hall presidents, co-vice-presidents; Marilyn Mowe, Secretary; Maxine Webb, treasurer; Mary Jane Nesby, devotional chairman.

W. A. Officers for 1947-48 are as follows: Erma Jean Parsons, president; Myra Byerlee, vice-president; Lillian Shriver, treasurer; Joyce Couch, secretary; Anna Johnson, devotional leader.

Dedication

At 2 o'clock, June 10, the dedication of the new heating plant was held. With the aid of more able-bodied men, steel cables, cars, and a vehicle of warfare the old heating plant was eventually brought to the ground.

Financial

June, 1947

In this we are not attempting to give the receipts toward the convention expense, but will confine this report to the missionary fund, the permanent fund, and the centennial. Other will be given when we have it better in hand. This is being made up while in young people's conference and it has not all yet been digested.

CHURCHES—Amity, $20; Bend, $25; Central (Portland), $250; Court St., (Salem), $62.21; Brownsville, $10; Eugene First, $150; Falls City, $3; Glendale, $50; Hillsboro, $35.50; Hood River, $37.85; Harrisburg, $30.21; Klamath Falls, $7.50; Kern Park (Portland), $10.42; Lebanon, $50; Newberg, $168.29; Pleasant Hill, $10; Seaside, $10; Sweet Home, $50; Sheridan, $25.92; Salem First, $33.33; Springfield, $15.43; Silverton, $50; St. Helens, $50; Tillamook, $75; The Dalles, $27.40; Thurston, $10; Vernonia, $50; Wasco, $10; Willamina, $41.82. Total, $1,368.88.

SCHOOLS—Dallas, $20; Englewood (Portland), $50; Gladstone, $15; Redmond, $6.37; The Dalles, $37.60; Sheridan, $10.14; Wasco, $10. Total, $149.11.

WOMEN — Grants Pass, $37.08; Astoria, $25; Lebanon, $20; Corvallis, $10. Total, $92.08.

INDIVIDUALS—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fortna, Klamath, $10; Willard Smith, Glide, $10; D. L. Hayden, Kern Park, $10; T. G. Richardson, $3; Hazel Bower, $20. Total, $48.00.

PERMANENT FUND — Interest, $17.96; Principal, $73.54.

CENTENNIAL — Miss Lorena K. Pease, $15; Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Kullowatz, $50.

OAKLAND—4 baptisms in June. Church attendance increased 100% in the last three months. Laurence M. Bixler, pastor.

YOUTH CONFERENCES

When this paper is being read the 18th young people's summer conference at Turner will have been ended, and the Pioneer camp will be closing. We write while the former is in progress. There are 78 young people and 15 faculty members in the group. Gene Robinson, La Grande is the dean, and C. F. Swander, State Director, is directing the conference. C. H. Addleman, Howard Cole, W. C. Piper, Mrs. J. W. Jordan, Mrs. C. F. Swander, Mrs. Laura Torgerson, Mrs. Frances Hyland, Mrs. Ella A. Day, Clifford N. Trout, W. R. Hensley, Wm. Siefke, Freeman Yardley, Orville F. Mick, and Elmer Boyer, missionary, are other members of the faculty.

One cannot meet with such a group without a feeling of their tremendous importance to the best interests of the world. The youth program in both the young people's conference and pioneer camp is training them in personal religious living, in worship and study, and in play from the Christian viewpoint. There can be no doubt about the church of the future as long as Christian youth camps are in operation. The world would be safe if all church young people were to benefit by them. Churches should look increasingly after their young people.

Northwestern Christian Home

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honor on June 15. A silver offering totalling $823 was given for the Boys' Cottage Fund. This cottage for teenage boys has been a hope of Miss Hook for many years. The fund for its erection now totals $31,000.

The National Benevolent Association has for several years tried to find a way to expand its service to include a pay type Home for people who have means to pay for their care. A paragraph in our staff news sheet of June reports that such a Home is to become a reality. Dr. and Mrs. Frank G. Nifong have deeded 170 acres of land about three miles from Columbia, Missouri, to the National Benevolent Association for this purpose. They have also made a substantial gift toward the erection of the initial building, designed to house about 30 guests and provide public service space as well. A well will be drilled to provide an ample supply of water. Blue prints have been approved, contractors are preparing bids, and ground will be broken some time this summer for the foundation. The Lenoir Memorial Home, honoring the family of Mrs. Nifong, has been chartered. Thus another step is being taken in the expanding service of our benevolent work.—W. L. Myers.

Youth Planning Conference

Courtney Swander attended the International Christian Youth Planning Conference at Emporia, Kansas, June 29 to July 2. He arrived home on July 4 after a very delightful trip. He reports an attendance of about 100 and a very profitable session. He spoke at the chapel period on Saturday of the young people's conference at Turner.

REDMOND — Closed first year's ministry here June 15; 18 baptisms, 14 others added. Paid for parsonage and remodelled church entrance. Week of Compassion 4 times last year. and missionary giving increased 75%. Sunday School averaged 123. Walter Naff, pastor.

Ninety and Nine

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Jordan has moved from Silverton in the northern zone of his constituency to Albany in the southern zone. He has purchased the Bible Book Store in the latter city. We wish him well in his new enterprise. (No charge for the plug, John!)

McMinnville Reorganizes

The men of the McMinnville church and their guests met in the church on June 17 for a special dinner and organization meeting. Attendance was 29. Dr. W. H. Barendrick was program chairman for the event and introduced Mr. John Good as song leader. He was accompanied by his wife. After the song service O. W. Hankins, teacher of the men's Bible Class, presented a devotional thought based on Ephesians 6. Mr. Good sang two solos, "The Ninety and Nine" and "The Prodigal Son." Arnold Ledbetter, local president, called upon this reporter for a talk on the purpose and plan of the Ninety and nine. An election was then held and the following officers were chosen: President, Arnold Ledbetter; Vice-president, Dr. W. H. Barendrick; Secretary, Reagan Crowell; Treasurer, Charles Howe. A committee was appointed to present by-laws for the organization at its next meeting on July 1. Tentative plans call for regular bimonthly meetings with the district rallies coming on the alternate months.

Boys' Camps Under Way

By the time this column is read the 1947 Boys' Camps will be in full swing. Preliminary indications point to a great season and some fine reports should be available for the September issue of this paper. Newell Morgan, director of four of the camps, spoke in the churches at St. Johns, Amity (Yamhill County convention), Gates, Dallas, Newport, and First Christian Church in Salem during the two weeks prior to the camp opening.

West Eugene Builds

Word comes that the West Eugene building project is now under way and the plans call for a chapel costing $6,000. The men in the Eugene area will give assistance by donating labor and the churches of that area will help in financing. While the Millennium Minute Men goal of $1,000 for the project has not all been raised there are a number of men who have not yet shared in the call who may help in this way.

The Educational Committee

The new educational committee for the coming year was elected as follows: Ronald Osborn, Dudley Strain, Oma Lou Myers, Maude Durfee, Myron C. Cole, Mrs. J. W. Jordan, and Kenneth Johnston.

This committee will have direction of the educational program of the state work. These are all good men and women, fully capable of inaugurating a program and executing it.

MEDFORD—Mrs. Della Mae Paget was ordained to the ministry June 15. She and her husband, Albert Paget, are under commission to the Belgian Congo, in Africa, as missionaries. They completed their preparatory work at Cornell University this spring. Mr. Paget gave the message in the evening. Louis Gentner, C. H. Hon and Allen Curry participated in the service. Delbert W. Daniels, pastor.

Missionary News from Turner

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gave a challenging address particularly for Christian women on Thursday afternoon. More than 225 women were in the classes on Thursday morning, which was the highest single day's attendance for the week. However, a total of 287 women were enrolled in the class during the week.

A Booklet

The ex-President, Mrs. Leslie Carson, prepared an attractive 30-page mimeographed booklet on the topic, "Ideas that have worked," which was a compilation of the best thoughts from 40 women's organizations of the state as told on the survey sheets sent out last April. The booklet is practical in its ideas and suggestions to the last degree, and were met with enthusiastis response, being bought by most of the ladies present. On the first page is the startling line, "Ideas are annoying things—they seldom work unless you do." The price of these books is 25 cents and may be ordered from your state secretary, Mrs. J. W. Jordan, 845 West 4th Street, Albany, Oregon.

Annual Report

The annual report of the accomplishments of the Women's Missionary Organizations of Oregon as given by Mrs. Jordan during the business session on Thursday afternoon of the convention, gave the following statistics: The total adult membership enrolled is 3,122; with an average attendance of 1,419. There were 20,192 books read which is an increase of 3,000 over last year; 2,091 World Call subscriptions; and offerings passed the $18,000 mark with seven societies yet to report.

Organizations which met all Honor Roll requirements included: Portland First; Mallory Avenue; St Johns, Portland; Dallas, Forest Grove, Salem First, Brownsville, Junction City, Bend, Redmond, Grants Pass, Klamath Falls, Hermiston and Nyssa. Those fulfilling all but one requirement were: Hood River Valley, Silverton Guild, Silverton Missionary Society; Coquille, Tillamook W. M. S., Albany, Lebanon, Eugene First, Ashland and Milton.

Societies reporting this year for the first time include: Redmond Council, Tillamook Forum and Turner Council. The Tillamook adult society reported the highest per capita giving, $24.64 each person; Ashland, $23.20 each; and McMinnville, $14.35 each. Falls City was again high in number of books read with 47 per capita; McMinnville second with 24½ per capita; and Tillamook and Ashland each read 22 books per member.

Eugene First Church had the largest missionary offering with a total of $2,133.03; Portland First Council, $1,814.48; and Albany, $1,053.00.

The special missionary projects completed during the year by the various societies were varied in size and scope, including such things as buying literature for juvenile jail inmates to hundreds of dollars worth of supplies and equipment for the Hendricks and Goulters.

Rose Mary Naff, State Young People's Superintendent, reported 20 youth organizations in the state having a regular program of missionary education; more than 1,000 members; 200 books read and an offering of approximately $1,200 for the Christian World Friendship Fund.

Mrs R. E. Moshier, State Children's Superintendent, reported 25 Children's organizations giving missionary education with a membership of 1,159. Missionary offerings were $561.70 and 873 missionary books were reported read by children in the state.

Word from the Hendersons

A recent letter from Fred and Jennie Henderson, Missionaries in Monieka, Belgian Congo, told of the hundreds of pictures taken by the "Life" magazine photographers and which appeared in the June 2, 1947, issue of that publication. The Hendersons feel that the pictures give a fair representation of the life and activities of a protestant mission station in the interior of Africa.

They also told of welcoming Miss Fern McMillan, of Colorado, a young and attractive person who was able to go to the field under the national adult project fund completed a year ago. New workers are so desperately needed in all of our Congo stations that she was doubly welcomed. They wrote of an accident which Mr. Henderson had on his motorcycle when he received a deep flesh wound in the calf of his leg which necessitated a number of stitches to close the wound. The male head nurse in the hospital had training in such work, but was so overwhelmed at the prospect of operating on a white man, and especially his chief of staff, it made him so nervous that Dr. Henderson had to sit up and encourage him during the entire process. They were very thankful for their refrigerator and to have a supply of penecillin and anti-tetanus serum on hand. Even at that the leg healed slowly and Dr. Henderson could be up after ten days but was not completely healed for three months.

They told of their first Congo Caesarian delivery. The native nurses did not believe such a thing possible, but after much prayer the operation was completed and the mother and child lives and have progressed well. The outcome of such surgery is very important in a fear and superstition ridden country where distrust of modern hospitals is prevalent.

In closing they said, "We used to pray daily for patience to see the whole task, and not become disappointed when from day to day we fail to see the expected results. The missionary does not live in a halo of sweetness and light, but veritably in a struggle with enemies that are not flesh and blood. As in the world around, so in the mission field, the forces of evil seem so great as to be almost insurmountable. Then comes the message of assurance from Christ, 'I am with thee,' the promise of dawn when the night is blackest."

July is the month to start your study on "World Evangelism." This is so important, so vital we cannot pass it by, but must do the work of Him who sent us.

Baptisms

The annual reports were disappointing. Baptisms were larger than usual, but they did not all come in. If we could have a complete report the baptisms would be quite satisfactory indeed. Why not send in that report even yet. If you will send it in at once we can still get it in time for the year book report. We are promised the year-book by December.

The New State Board

Some changes were made on the State Board for the next year. The lineup in this regard is as follows:

President ..... Hubert E. Sias
Vice Presidents:
N. W. District ..... Howard Cole
Willamette Dist. Frank Cunningham
So. Cent. Dist. ..... Phil Ryan
S. W. Dist. ..... Delbert Daniels
Cent. Dist. ..... D. L. Penhollow
Mt. Hood Dist. ..... Cecil Warner
E. O. District ..... Paul Moore
Recorder ..... W. H. Lyman
Secretary ..... C. F. Swander
Treasurer ..... C. H. Addleman

The representatives of the Educational Committee and the Youth Committee are still to be named.

Called Up Higher

Mrs. G. W. Pennie died at Nyssa on June 15. She leaves her husband, and a son, Dan, to carry on without her. She was active in the church at Nyssa and she will be missed by those who knew her. The state secretary has had the high privilege of her home and can testify to her worth as a homemaker. God will comfort the bereaved ones.

Mrs. J. F. Ghormley, Portland, passed on June 30. She was quite aged and was living with her daughter until her death just a few days before. The mother did not rally from that shock. Her husband was one of our pioneer preachers in Oregon, at one time pastor of the Portland First Church, later organizing the Central Church, organizing the Sellwood church, still later the Vernon Church which later became Englewood, pastor of Kern Park and helpful to everything we have in Portland. Mrs. Ghormley was a typical preacher's wife. She endured the hardship of the ministry without complaint. She kept a good home as this writer can testify for he lived in it for 21 months. She leaves a son, Everest Ghormley, who works for the Southern Pacific, and a daughter Bessie who is married to a Presbyterian minister.

TURNER CONFERENCES

The July-August Oregon Christian was written up while at Turner. Just before going to press the printer informed us we were a little short on copy, so we make mention of the conferences.

The young people's conference had 78 registered. They did themselves credit in class work, and on Sunday gave a missionary offering of $66 which was given to Elmer Boyer for his missionary work in Africa. At the closing session, at which Bill Hensley preached, one girl made the good confession and two other young people publicly dedicated themselves to the missionary work of the church.

In the Pioneer Camp there are 48 young people of the ages 12-14 and they are a fine group. They are doing satisfactory work in classes and are giving evidence of real progress in spiritual things. A number of things have occured to make the heart glad. There are a number here who are not members of the church yet, and the Sunday service is yet to be held. All week we have been talking to them about the church, trying to magnify it in their thinking. It is a joy and pleasure to work with young people. They are responsive and appreciative. Churches, look well to them.

CENTENNIAL FUND

The centennial program is now a year in the past. More than $50,000 was pledged and all but about $1,300 has been paid. The money has not all yet been used, but it has all been allocated. Its usage and allocation is as follows:

Tabernacle repairs	$ 2,098.95
New lodge and rest rooms	6,879.02
Purchase Leep property	3,018.00
Landscaping grounds	75.00
Memorial vault	241.59
Communion service	121.59
Radio program	933.00
Hebrew Mission	122.00
Seaside meeting	312.50
Seaside lot	500.00
Burns project	1,197.61
East Oregon grounds	5,200.00
Permanent fund	5,045.00
Tracts and Supplement	309.14
Promotional	10,039.97
Park Rose project	2,000.00
Allocated:	
Women's building, Turner	2,500.00
Chapel, Turner	1,500.00
For new churches	3,000.00
Evangelistic work	4,906.00
Total	$50,000.00

This will show where your money has gone and where it will go. It was a grand success and the thanks of the brotherhood is due to everyone who contributed.

Juvenile Delinquency

The Department of Justice, U. S. A., says that a majority of all crimes in the United States is being committed by juveniles. This we can believe though it is difficult to understand. In one Oregon city a secret society exists in the high school that has some of the most revolting practices as requirements for membership. In another town we know of a gang of 12 or 14 boys that runs at large and does damage to property. It is only a question of time when such offenders will run afoul of the law. When they are once caught in the legal net it is hard to escape to a decent life again. Parents are the first responsible parties; but ofttimes they are ignorant and powerless to act. Often they refuse to believe that their boys can be mixed up in deviltry. Every boy, or girl, is a potential power for sin and crime, just the same as they may be potential powers for righteousness. The church is not blameless. It, too, has a responsibility. When it devolps that there are such juveniles who are inclined criminally the church should make a concerted effort to enfold them in its protecting arms. The one who said, "There are no **bad** boys," is uttering only a part truth. Sayings that need qualification had better not be made without qualification. It is the churches business to know who are bad and then deal with them with an eye to reclaiming and making good.

SINGER AVAILABLE

Hal E. Camp announces that he will be back in the Northwest this week for service as evangelistic singer. If any church would want a youth director for after school activities he would consider that. At present he is minister of music in the Church of Christ at 14th and E Streets in San Bernardino, California, where he may be addressed by interested parties. Those wishing references may write to B. Ross Evans, Kenneth Knox or Len B. Fishback.